



## Kathleen M. "Kathie" (Dooley) Kunkel

December 19, 1951 - October 31, 2009

Mrs. Kathleen M. "Kathie" (Dooley) Kunkel, age 57, of Sauquoit, embraced her unexpected illness and went home to God peacefully on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Her family was vigilant during the days leading to her passing at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Born in Utica on December 19, 1951, Kathleen is the daughter of Marie Ellen (Grant) Dooley and the late Michael P. "Pat" Dooley. Raised and educated locally, she attended St. Francis DeSales Elementary School and High School graduating in 1969. She then completed a course in medical secretarial studies at M.V.C.C. On June 1, 1974 she married Kenneth J. "Kenny" Kunkel with whom she shared 35 years as best friends; they loved, respected, and entrusted their souls to one another.

Kathie worked as a lab technician at St. Luke's Hospital, and as a medical secretary at Dr. Jeffrey Richter's office, a position for which she was well suited. For the past 15 years she was employed by the Dove Eye and Laser Center. During all of her working years she also assisted in her husband Kenny's family business, Kunkel Ambulance and Livery Service. She also made many lasting acquaintances through her professional associations over the years. She was gifted in arts and crafts, and shopping which was always done with the love and companionship of family. Holidays at her home were the greatest of times for her. But above all else, Kathie was most proud of her children, the responsible young adults they had become, and their life's accomplishments. Kathie had a quiet passionate presence. She provided

guidance, love and kindness as a wife, mother, daughter, sibling, as well as all other relationships in which she shared. She was secure in the knowledge that God loved her, and she and Kenny were devout believers. Her faith was her guide which she practiced with her family as parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. She walked humbly in this life and she was grateful for "Every Good Gift" that blessed her life. No one could fathom how this wise counselor, loyal defender, voice of reason, listener and sharer could be taken so soon. We take faith in her passing being part of God's master plan.

Kathie is survived by her husband, Kenny; her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Robert Veitch of Wilton, NY; her son, Jeffrey Kunkel of Sauquoit; and her mother, Marie Ellen Dooley. Survivors also include her sisters and brothers-in-law, Maureen and David A. Scarlino of New Hartford, and Maribeth and Charles Canter of Westmoreland; her brothers and sister-in-law, Michael P. Dooley, Jr. of Whitesboro, and Shawn and Michelle Dooley of Herkimer; her cherished nieces and nephews; aunt, uncles and many cousins; her in-laws, Joan and Donald Dorn, Jack and Catherine Kunkel, and Mary and Robert Zuccaro; and her extended and cherished family, William and Rosalie Veitch, and Tina Veitch. She will also be missed by her canine companions, "The girls", Bailey, Booda, and Bella. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Kenneth M. and Blodwen "Bud" Kunkel.

Kenny wishes to thank all the family and friends who have shown their devotion to Kathie by their presence and prayers.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Kathie's honor to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Kathie's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where her Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
1736 Burrstone Road  
New Hartford, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen M. "Kathie" (Dooley) Kunkel



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear this news. I knew Kathie when I worked with Dr. Tanenbaum seeing patients at Dove Eye Center. Kathie was always so kind and above all so professional. The patients loved her because she cared about them. She was always so nice to me and always had time to talk to me if I was having a challenging day. I will always remember that. My thoughts and prayers to Kathie's family. Chris Bugbee###imported-begin##Chris Bugbee###imported-end##

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November 09, 2009 at 08:13 AM



“ To the family of Kathie.....I am so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Kathie through Dr. Tannenbaum's office in Albany, NY. I loved Kathie for her caring and concern, and the fact that you could pick up the phone and just vent and she was cool with it. Again, I am so sorry. XOXOX###imported-begin##angela zambella###imported-end##

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November 07, 2009 at 11:30 PM



“ Dear Kenny and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. I know you are all devastated and are trying to cope. Please remember all of the wonderful memories you have of her with your family. I do think of her as a gentle soul who kept the family together at the camp. Find comfort knowing we will all be together with the Lord. I will keep you all in my prayers. Susan Holburn###imported-begin##Susan Holburn###imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 08:31 AM



“ Though you can't read this I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the things that you have done for me this past year. I will do my best to take care of Jeff and Kenny while your gone! You will be missed!!###imported-begin##Jenn Allcorn###imported-end##

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November 04, 2009 at 07:18 PM



“ *My Sincere Sympathy to Marybeth and the Dooley family and Kunkel family. I recieved the news today and I am so heat broken of your loss. During our conversations we shared over the years with work related issues, I have always admired Kathie for who she was. I always knew when I would hear her voice that we would indeed have a good out come as well as she would have with me. She was a true loving person with all whom walked in her path. Her passing is a deep loss for many. A true Angel she was and will always be now in spirit. Your family now has the up most Guardian Angel who will look over you. When you feel a breeze on a sunny day, that would be her letting you know she is there watching over you. When you feel a drop of rain stream down your face, that would be her tear drop letting you know to smile. When you see a shiining star up in the sky on a dark night, that would be her giving you the light and strength to carry on. When on a cold night and you feel a warm breeze, that would be her spreading her wings giving you the warmth of her love she will continue to carry on. Though you will no longer be able to hear her voice, see her or touch her. She will always be there in spirit. God has chosen her for special reasons. May your family charish all the memories of Kathie as she was a true strong loving person to all.*

*Special Guardian Angel rest in peace.*

*J. Rodriguez###imported-begin##Judy Rodriguez###imported-end##*

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November 03, 2009 at 07:26 PM



“ *Ken and family  
Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##John Krainik###imported-end##*

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November 02, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. I am very saddened to hear of your loss.

Love Jenny D'Alessandro-Transou & family##imported-begin##Jenny D'Alessandro-Transou##imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 08:54 PM



“ To Kenny and family, Im so sorry to hear of the loss of Kathie. Hearing this news late prevented me from attending the services but my thoughts and prayers are with you all duriung this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Mickey Swartz##imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Kathie's family. I am a patient of Dove Eye and Laser center. Kahtie was always friendly and nice to talk to. I was just in there on 9/9/09 for a visit and saw her. I could not believe it when I saw it in the paper today. She always spoke about her daughter and going to Albany to see her. She always remembered my sister and brother in law that are patients also.

It was like seeing an old friend when you saw her there at the office. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Joy Taylor##imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 05:30 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jeff and the Kunkel family. I hope you feel comfort knowing that Kathie is now your guardian angel and that she will watch over you always.##imported-begin##Laura Watchers##imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 04:53 PM



“ Mike,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. If you need anything, just ask.*  
Perks###imported-begin##Allan Perkins###imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 04:45 PM



“ DEAR JENN, ROB, KEN, AND JEFF

*i am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother, your wife. you all have such great memories together and you will have them forever and ever to cherish. in your hearts she will live forever and be with you always! sincerely, maria###imported-begin##MARIA PULEO###imported-end##*

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November 02, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ To,Marie and Marybeth I am so sorry to hear of your lost my heart and prayers are with you .###imported-begin##Robin Bailey###imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ Dear Uncle Kenny, Jen and Jeff,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I just want you to know that when ever I was around Aunt Kathie and your family you always made me feel as though I was a true member of your family. Kathie will forever be in my heart, and I want you all to know that she touched a piece of my heart and I will never ever forget her and the kind, and compasionate woman that she was. The memory im going to tresure most, is Chirstmas time at your house. Kathie was always there waiting for Dan and I with open arms and a loving heart. My heart is with you guys right now.  
Love Kristen###imported-begin###Kristen Snyder###imported-end##

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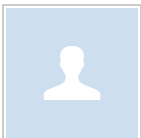
November 02, 2009 at 10:28 AM



“ TO KATHY'S FAMILY...IM A DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THIS AWFUL NEWS. MY SISTER WAS A FRIEND OF KATHY'S DAUGHTER FROM MANY YEARS AGO. I HAVE BEEN A PATEINT OF DOVE EYE CENTER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL AND KATHY ALWAYS REMEMEBRED ME AND ASKED ABOUT MY MOM (WHO IS ILL) SHE ALWAYS TOOK TIME OUT OF HER BUSY DAY AT WORK TO JUST CHAT WITH ME. I CANT BELIEVE THIS! IM SO SORRY! YOU ARE ALL IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.###imported-begin###LAUREN (GOPPERT) LOPEZ###imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 09:01 AM



“ Rest in peace Mrs. Kunkel. You went too soon, but at least you are at peace now. You will be very missed.###imported-begin###Genelle###imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 09:13 PM



“ Dear Kenny,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.  
Love,  
Barb & Frank Manderson##imported-begin##Barb & Frank Manderson##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 07:41 PM



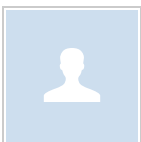
“ Kenny & family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Kathie's passing.  
We know it's never easy to lose a loved one .  
We hope that faith, family & friends will get you through this difficult time.

You are in our thoughts and prayers,

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November 01, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ I am so sorry for you loss of such a great person.I worked with her at Dove and we all thought alot of her.She always had great compassion for all of the patients,they all loved her. We will miss her greatly..We love you always Kathy,,you will be in my thoughts and prayers always..##imported-begin##Cindy Jones##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ Ken, Jenn & Jeff

*Let God be your strength at this difficult time. Words cannot express the sadness we feel in our heart today. Kathy was a shining star. She never forgot Danielle or I, she always made me feel like family still. I, we will miss her very much. Take comfort knowing that she is with our Lord and angels and will always look down on you and will always be with you. You will feel her presence everywhere. Our deepest sympathies,*

*Denise Giruzzi & Danielle (Pawelek) McEwen##imported-begin##Denise Pristera Giruzzi & Danielle Pawelek McEwen##imported-end##*

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November 01, 2009 at 03:07 PM



“ Kenny, Jennifer & Jeff.....*let the arms of our Lord embrace you, let his strength lift you up and let his love surround you in this time of need. Kathie was a beautiful, gentle soul, let her spirit live on thru your fond memories of the joy that she gave to each and everyone as a wife, mother, sister and aunt. Our prayers are with you and also our love.*

*Your Cousin,  
Gini & Tony D'Alessandro##imported-begin##Gini D'Alessandro##imported-end##*

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November 01, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ To the Dooley/Kunkel Family:

*I am so very sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of good times at Kathie's home many years ago. May you all find strength knowing Kathie is at peace. She was a wonderful person. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara Schaller Kitchen##imported-end##*

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November 01, 2009 at 12:17 PM



“ *I spent many happy moments with Kathy at school functions when our daughters Kelly and Jennifer attended Sauquoit together. I am so very sorry for your family. I will not be able to attend services for Kathy or to personally extend my sympathy but my daughter Kelly and her family will be seeing you later today. My sincere sympathy Jen.##imported-begin##Melanie Claeys##imported-end##*

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November 01, 2009 at 11:29 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time...##imported-begin##Mary Frances Brady##imported-end##*

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November 01, 2009 at 09:48 AM



“ Jen, Rob, Ken and Jeff

*I am so sorry for your loss. My heart has been with you all week long. You must let God help you along this difficult road and perhaps your families closeness will now be what sustains you. I smiled when I realized how very close you all were to one another and I thought "what two sets of moms and dads would be welcome at their children's home overnight together so often and have so much fun?" You all have shared so many many wonderful times. It is now so sad, but may that love help you along. Our love to you all.##imported-begin##Connie Griffin##imported-end##*

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November 01, 2009 at 08:09 AM



“ my heart goes out to the entire family.Kathy loved you all so very much. She was so proud of Jennifer and Jeffrey.I have 15 years worth of memories of Kathy.You were much more than just a client of mine,you were a very good friend.Over the years I always enjoyed our conversations.I will forever cherish my last memory of you,dancing at Maribeths wedding.we had so much fun that night. You never looked happier to me.I will miss you very much.Rest in peace Kathy.May god bless you all,Sherrill Kelley##imported-begin##sherrill kelley##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 07:31 AM



“ Jen and Jeff, I can't tell you both how sorry I am. Kathie was such a loving, and gentle person. I am honored that I was a part of her family. Some day you will take comfort in the memories that make you cry. Our parents are the foundation we build our life on. Take all that she taught you and keep building. She will always be within you. Not even death can separate a mother from her children. With heartfelt sympathy, Debbie.##imported-begin##Debbie Acker##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 06:32 AM



“ May you rest in peace Mrs. Kunkel...While you may have left this world earlier than expected, I personally, just want to say Thank You for giving us Jeff and Jen and for teaching them to be the caring, amazing people that they both are...you may have left to early but no need to worry..your spirit and impact on this world will live on with them and everyone that has the honor of ever knowing them...RIP...##imported-begin##Brian McDowell##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 01:26 AM